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Owen Ziglar's fourth & final trial ends in mistrial

by Marvin McLWain - Editor

The fourth and final trial of Owen Ziglar ended late last Thursday evening, August 28, in a mistrial (hung jury) with the jury being unable to reach a verdict.

The 8-woman 4-man jury began hearing evidence from the prosecution on Tuesday, August 26, after opening statements by both sides Monday afternoon.

The jury heard testimony from state forensic experts on how Kelley died as a result of wounds in the face and chest caused from shots from a shotgun.

The experts offered testimony concerning a shotgun taken from Ziglar when he was taken into custody by Elba police officers. They stated that the shell casing found at the murder scene did, in fact, come from the shotgun; however, they could not conclusively say that the shot from that shell was the one that killed Kelley.

Testimony was also given that glass found on the soles of Ziglar's boots could have been pieces of the shattered glass from the door at Kelley's residence.

Jenelle Taylor, wife of Doug Taylor of Opp, AL, testified that on the night of Kelley's murder, Ziglar came to her residence looking for her husband, and he had a shotgun with him.

According to testimony, Taylor, along with Kelley, had had an affair with Ziglar's wife, Donna.

The state also offered into evidence two notes written by Ziglar. One was to his son and another to his mother. They contained statements such as: "I can't handle this anymore... Sometimes a man has to do what he has to do to live with himself."

During his summation to the jury, special prosecutor Al Smith told the jury, "The state has proved that Owen Ziglar is guilty of killing Ed

Kelley."

Defense attorneys Stafford Pittman and Richard Whittaker told members of the jury that the state had failed to prove Ziglar's guilt due to the absence of scientific evidence.

Ziglar was originally charged with murder in the 1990 shotgun slaying of Edward Lamar Kelley. He was convicted on the lesser charge of manslaughter in a 1991 trial.

Ziglar was sentenced to 20 years at hard labor in the state penitentiary, ordered to pay court costs, a fine of \$10,000.00, repay attorney's fees paid by the state, restitution of \$4,600.00 to the Kelley family, and \$10,000.00 to the crime victim assessment.

In 1993, the 1991 conviction, and sentence, was overturned by the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals and a new trial was ordered. The appeals court ruled that Ziglar's estranged wife was forced to testify against him.

The case was retried (second

trial) in December of 1994 and the jury was unable to reach a verdict, thus causing a mistrial to be declared.

On Friday afternoon, May 10, 1996, Owen Ziglar's third trial ended in a hung jury with a mistrial being declared by Circuit Judge William "Bill" Barr late in the afternoon.

According to District Attorney Mark Fuller, Thursday's verdict - or rather the lack of one - brought to a conclusion the case of Ed Kelley's murder.

He had stated in the beginning that, regardless of the outcome, this would be the final trial.

Defense attorney Stafford Pittman, on behalf of the Ziglar family, stated that they were glad to put the ordeal behind them.

The Kelley family expressed concern that the murder of Edward Kelley had not been resolved. No one had been, or was going to be, punished for this crime.

Davis pleads guilty to manslaughter

by Marvin McLWain - Editor

On Monday, August 25, 1997, Adam Davis, 19, of Opp, AL, was scheduled to go to trial on a murder charge. He pleaded guilty to the lesser charge of manslaughter.

In July of 1996, Davis was indicted by a Coffee County grand jury on the charge of murder.

Davis was the driver of a 1992 Pontiac Grand Am which was involved in a single-car crash at the intersection of Coffee County Roads 460 and 492. The wreck occurred on June 30, 1996. Spinks, age 18 of Kinston was killed in that wreck. Another passenger in the vehicle, Juddy Channell, age 19 of Opp, was injured in the crash.

The original indictment read as follows: "Adam Davis did recklessly engage in conduct which manifested extreme indifference to human life and created a grave risk of

death to a person other than the said Adam Davis and did thereby cause the death of Amber Spinks, whose name is otherwise unknown to the Grand Jury, by operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol; and/or while operating a motor vehicle in such a manner to cause it to leave the roadway, and thereby causing the death of Amber Spinks who was a passenger in the motor vehicle while the said Adam Davis was operating the motor vehicle."

Had Davis been tried and convicted on the charge of murder, he could have been sentenced to a minimum of ten (10) years in prison. After hearing arguments and reviewing the evidence in the case from both the state and defense attorneys, Circuit Judge Robert Barr sentenced Davis to three (3) years

in the state penitentiary. The judge then suspended the three-year sentence and placed Davis on supervised probation for a period of two years with the following condition:

"The Defendant [Davis] shall serve one (1) year in custody of the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections and he shall successfully complete the Disciplinary Rehabilitation Program while incarcerated. At the end of Defendant's one year incarceration, he shall return to the Coffee County Probation Office, Elba Division, for the imposition of further terms and conditions of probation."

Davis was further ordered to pay costs of court, \$50 to the Alabama Crime Victims Compensation Commission, \$3,260.00 in restitution to Harry Davis, \$3,000.00 to Alabama Crime Victim's Commission, and restitution in the amount of \$1,300.00 to Bill Spinks.

MARCUS ANTONIO JONES' HEARINGS SET FOR TOMMOROW

Kassey Reedy has preliminary hearing

by Marvin McLWain - Editor

One of two accused murderer's preliminary hearings was held Wednesday afternoon, August 27, 1997, the other one is set for Friday (tomorrow), September 5, 1997.

Kassey Bernard Reedy, 25, of Enterprise, had his preliminary hearing before District Judge Steve Blair; however, Marcus Antonio Jones, 26, of Daleville, will have his hearing

tomorrow. Originally, both hearings had been scheduled for August 20, but Jones had been unable to retain a lawyer and petitioned the court to appoint him one.

The two men have been charged with capital murder in connection with the July 28 robbery/murder of Howard Jenkins, 41, an assistant manager of an Enterprise grocery store.

During Reedy's hearing, it was disclosed that more than \$11,000 was taken during the robbery/murder. The breakdown was as follows: Cash - \$6,873.31, checks - \$3,069.22, and \$1,403 in food stamps.

Also, it was noted that a gun (.380 semi-automatic pistol) which is believed to be the murder weapon has been sent to the state's forensic lab in Montgomery for testing. The handgun was recovered from the Chattahoochee River on the Alabama-Georgia state line.

The only eyewitness to the robbery/murder, Jeff Goolsby, gave a brief account of what he saw on the night of July 28.

He stated that he saw two men fighting near the drive-thru window at Regions Bank in downtown Enterprise. Goolsby then notified the Enterprise Police Department via cellular phone.

The witness also stated that when he heard a noise that sounded like a firecracker and saw a black man leaving the scene.

Police officers stated that when they arrived on the scene, they found Jenkins dead from a gunshot wound.

The results of Reedy's preliminary hearing, along with Jones', will be turned over to a grand jury for review.

District Attorney Mark Fuller has indicated that the state will be seeking the death penalty in the case.

Should Jones and Reedy be tried and found guilty of the capital murder charge, they could be facing the electric chair or life in prison.

WRECKS & WRECKS



EARLY MORNING CRASH... A one-car crash sent one individual to the hospital. Last Thursday morning, shortly before 7:00 a.m., a passing motorist reported to the Elba Police Department that a car had overturned on the Kinston Highway (AL Hwy. 189S) just south of the Clark Subdivision. Fire and rescue units were immediately dispatched to the scene. Police officers, first to arrive on the scene, were unable to get to the victim inside the car which was resting on its side. All the doors were locked. Within a short time, emergency personnel were able to get Sandra Richardson, 33, of 1132 Guyton Street, Elba, AL, out of the vehicle. She was transported to Elba General Hospital by the Elba Rescue Squad where she was treated and released.



ANOTHER AFTER SCHOOL CRASH... Shortly after 3:30 p.m. last Friday, emergency and law enforcement personnel were dispatched to Co. Rd. 208 in the Jack Community. A report that a car had overturned and bodies were everywhere got attention in a hurry. A small car driven by Wesley Killingsworth, 16, of Jack, AL, had left the roadway, overturned, and struck an embankment causing four of the occupants to be thrown from the vehicle. Only Killingsworth was wearing a seat belt. He received only minor injuries. The four passengers, all young girls, were taken to Elba General Hospital and Medical Center Enterprise by units from the Elba Rescue Squad and Coffee County EMS. None of the victims received any life threatening injuries. All the individuals were students at Zion Chapel High School. The accident was investigated by Alabama State Trooper Willie White. Assisting at the wreck scene were Coffee County Sheriff's Deputies and members of the Zion Chapel Volunteer Fire Department. Although it was after school hours, Dr. Linda Ingram, principal of Zion Chapel High School, was at the wreck scene checking on her students. She later went to both hospitals to check on their condition.

Child support collection system updated

Alabama's new child support computer system, known as ALECS (Alabama's Location, Enforcement, and Collection System), has been operating statewide since July 1.

ALECS was first implemented as a pilot project in Tuscaloosa and Etowah counties in February, 1996. The transition from the old automated system to ALECS was completed in June of this year when the last few counties were brought on-line.

"The new system will make across-the-board improvements for the 350,000 Alabama families currently receiving child support services," said Dept. of Human Resources (DHR) Commissioner Marsha Nachman.

One of the biggest advantages ALECS provides is the automatic calculation of interest owed on delinquent child support payments. Noncustodial parents receive a computer-generated monthly statement telling them how much they owe, including delinquent support plus interest.

The new system allows more efficient case management, which translates into improved child support services. For example, if paternity establishment is needed for a particular case, ALECS alerts the DHR worker.

Unlike its predecessor, ALECS can interface with the computer at the Administrative Office of Courts, giving DHR workers immediate access to accurate, up-to-date information about child support cases.

Stronger child support enforcement is a major part of the historic federal welfare reform that Congress passed in August 1996. As implementation of the welfare reform law continues, ALECS will help the state use many new enforcement tools, such as suspending driver's and professional licenses, and freezing assets (bank accounts, retirement funds, etc.) for failure to pay.

Through a cooperative agreement with the Dept. of Industrial Relations, DHR soon will have a computer directory of newly hired workers, to help track down parents who owe delinquent support.

In the future, DHR also plans to centralize all child support collections at the state office in Montgomery. It is not uncommon for a non-custodial parent to owe child support in more than one county, which means he has to send support payments to each individual county for processing.

When all support collections are centralized in Montgomery, noncustodial parents with multiple cases will send all the payments to one location. As these and many other child support improvements are phased in, ALECS will play a vital role in the process.

Boat operators license will soon be required by state law

It's not too soon to apply. The requirement for boat operators license becomes effective April 28, 1999.

Officials of the Alabama Marine Police Division of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Drivers License Division of the Department of Public Safety remind Alabama boaters that time is rapidly passing.

Captain Bob Huffaker of the Alabama Marine Police emphasizes that anyone age 12 or older who operates a motorized vessel must obtain a license and have it in possession before operating a vessel.

Boaters must take an approved boating safety course and the written exam administered by the Department of Public Safety Driver License Examiners.

The only exemption provided is that persons who were 40 or older on or before April 28, 1994 are exempt from taking the safety course and the written exam, but they still must obtain a license. There are no age exemptions in the law for obtaining the license.

Both departments stress the importance of obtaining the license at the earliest possible time to prevent a last-minute rush as the deadline approaches.

"Anyone operating a vessel without an operators license after April 28, 1999 will be in violation of the law and subject to being issued a citation," Huffaker warned.

For more information concerning the law and approved boating courses, contact the Alabama Marine Police at (334)242-3673

FOGGY BOTTOM FESTIVAL SCHEDULE Saturday, Sept. 6, 1997 Miller Memorial Stadium

Gates Open at 12:00 noon with arts & crafts, flea market, children's activities, food exhibits, etc.

2:00 p.m. - Miss Fogg Bottom Pageant (Over 25 contestants)

3:30 p.m. - Auction (Some of the items auction will be windows from the Elba Courthouse)

5:00 p.m. - Concert w/Rob & Kelly Hudson and band from Nashville, TN performing.

This festival is sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce and the City of Elba. Admission is \$5 - children under 9 accompanied by an adult admitted free. All proceeds go toward the restoration of the Old Coffee County Jail as a Law Enforcement Museum.

HAPPENINGS

COFFEE CO. BOE MEETING The Coffee County Board of Education will hold its monthly meeting Thursday (TODAY), September 4, at 7:00 p.m. in the Central Office in Elba. The regular meeting will be preceded by a work session beginning at 6:00 p.m.

VIETNAM VETS MEET Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. will hold its regular monthly meeting at the VFW in Daleville on Thursday (TODAY), September 4, beginning at 6:30 p.m. sharp. The meeting is open to the public. For more information call 598-8804.

FOGGY BOTTOM FESTIVAL The Elba Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a "Miss Fogg Bottom" Pageant in conjunction with Fogg Bottom Festival on Saturday, September 6, 1997. The festival and pageant, as well as many other activities, will be held in Miller Memorial Stadium in downtown Elba. The day's activities will begin at 12:00 noon and conclude with a concert by Rob & Kelly Hudson and Nashville band at 6:00 p.m. Tickets for the concert are now on sale. The cost is \$5. For additional information call the Elba Chamber of Commerce at 897-3125.

NEW BROCKTON COUNCIL MEETING The New Brockton Town Council will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, September 8, at 7:00 p.m. in town hall.

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting 9:00 a.m. Monday, September 8, in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, AL.

RESERVE SEATING & PARKING Reserve seats and one-year reserved parking are now available for Elba High School's home football games in Tiger Stadium. Contact Pam Baker at Elba High School @ 897-2266.

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Last week we sent out an appeal through this column for information about the late 1800's sawmill and pottery kiln at the intersection of Troy Highway and 203 Bypass. The remains were found in an archaeological dig being conducted by Troy State archaeologists prior to the proposed 4-laning of U.S. 84. We did get response from knowledgeable people and there are interesting stories around the long ago operation. It was apparently water powered, of course - there was no electricity in this area back then) from a dam across Whitewater Creek. Rice was grown in the backed-up water, sheep grazed on the grass which flourished in the wet earth. The rice was milled here and the wool from the sheep processed on this site, all in addition to the pottery kiln and sawmill.

In addition to the information about the sawmill above, readers responded with bits of information about other old-timey sawmills located: across the Troy Highway where brick homes now stand, at "the Brickmill Pond," in the fork of Big Creek and Whitewater Creek, just to name a few. Some person with an interest in local history, and the time for the necessary research work to get it all right, needs to document these and many other details of early Coffee County while there are people with some knowledge of their existence and locations.

The whole world seems to be in shock over the untimely death of Britain's Princess Diana. The 36 year old mother of the future British king was one of three killed Sunday night in a Paris automobile crash. The first folks blamed for the accident were some freelance photographers reportedly hounding Diana for pictures of her and her new boyfriend. Now, as the facts get clearer the now-deceased driver of the wrecked car was drunk... three times the legal limit in France and had been taunting the photographers just prior to the fatal drive. He was also driving at an excessive speed... but fast. All three surely contributed to the deaths. We don't drink, have never driven that fast and have never even considered purchasing any pictures from those freelancers. Still, we don't get a halo because neither did we do anything to prevent the drinking, the speeding, the chasing nor the deaths.

Life is fragile, all of us face it daily and still when it is someone close to us or someone famous, we experience a state of shock. If you intend to thank someone "someday," tell a loved one how much they mean to you or do something special for a person you occasionally see at the grocery store... do it TODAY because one of you may not be around tomorrow.

The City of Elba has announced a public hearing to discuss a proposed \$2.2 million sewer improvement project. The date for the event is Monday, September 15, at 6:00 p.m. It will be held at city hall and any interested Elba citizen is not only legally qualified to attend, but is encouraged by city officials to be there and participate in the discussion. After the contractors start digging up the streets, it is too late for us grunts to speak out with all our great ideas. Anyone who doesn't get involved is destined to be limited to many years of paying the cost of any plan adopted, but without any input.

The ethics complaints which were filed against former Elba Mayor Ricky Haywood and former City Clerk Henry Clark several months ago will get (got) a full hearing in Montgomery before the Alabama Ethics Commission on Wednesday, September 3rd. That is the word on the street and from an attorney hired to represent at least one of the gentlemen. This newspaper will already be off the press for the week before the hearing gets started, but when the results are released, they will be published. The hearings are closed to all but those involved, therefore no news will be released until the commission members are ready for us to know their decision.

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ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of August 26, 1997 through September 1, 1997. They were: Susie Chambliss, James Caylor, Jamie Griggs, Joseph Buchanan, Edwin Kelley, Charlie Hudson, Brenda Sanders, Sara Chandler, Iva Cotton, Pat English, Susie Chambliss, A. G. Jones, Emily Mitchell, Charlie Hudson, Jamie Griggs, Iva Cotton, Sara Chandler, Peggy Brewster, Joann Marler, Brenda Sanders, William Legeer.

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Mary Bryan, Margaret Bimbo, Debbie Nelson, James Caylor, Joseph Buchanan, Patricia Oswald, Edwin Kelley, Pat English, Susie Chambliss, A. G. Jones, Emily Mitchell, Charlie Hudson, Jamie Griggs, Iva Cotton, Sara Chandler, Peggy Brewster, Joann Marler, Brenda Sanders, William Legeer.

ELBA POLICE REPORT

AUGUST 25 Thru AUGUST 31, 1997

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Daily activity highlights were as follows:

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27 - River stage - 3.17 feet (6:13 a.m.); Vehicle burglary reported on Reynolds St. (7:23 a.m.); Fire department dispatched to vehicle fire on U.S. Hwy. 84E (10:12 a.m.); Alarm at The Peoples Bank (12:09 p.m.); Vehicle burglary reported on Lee St. (12:11 p.m.); Disturbance reported on West St. (3:33 p.m.).

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LET'S HAVE A PARTY... Residents of the Elba Nursing Home were treated to a Hawaiian Luau on Tuesday. The dining area was decorated with a Hawaiian theme and "Big Island Music" was blaring over the paging system. They also enjoyed a meal appropriate for the occasion - ribs and rice. Those residents and employees who wanted to be dressed in island attire lei and all. Several individuals kept wanting to know when the hula girls in the grass skirts were going to dance.

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AREA DEATHS

DENNIS LEE WEEKS

Mrs. Dennis Lee Weeks, 42, of Elba, died Sept. 1, 1997, at Elba General Hospital.

Funeral services were held Sept. 3, 1997, at 2 p.m. at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Milford Johnson officiating.

Burial followed in the New Home Cemetery, Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Tammy Elaine Weeks, Elba; his mother: Lena Belle Weeks, Elba; three sisters: Peggy Hamm and Doris Matthews, Elba; and Charlotte Brewer, Coffee Springs.

Survivors include her husband: James G. Capps, Elba; three daughters: Nellie Hudson, Christine Bowden, Elba; and Mary Joe Picher, Cochran, Ga.; one son: Paul Mack Capps, Andalusia; two sisters: Patsy Googe, Columbus, Ga.; and Decie Williams, Phenix City; two brothers: Dixon Boutwell and Milford Boutwell, Phenix City; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

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WILLIAM JEROME "Jerry" BROWN

Mr. William Jerome "Jerry" Brown, age 60, of Elba, died Sept. 2, 1997, at Medical Center Enterprise.

Funeral services were held Sept. 3, 1997, at 4 p.m. at Zion Chapel Baptist Church, with Dr. Frank Wells and Dr. Robert Paul officiating. Burial was in Zion Chapel Cemetery, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Brown was a lifelong resident of Elba and Coffee County and was CEO of NASCO Equipment Co. Survivors include his wife: Judy Wallace Brown, Elba; his mother: Wayne Brown, Elba; one brother: Michael Scott Brown, Jack.

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VIRIA MAE FULLER
Mrs. Viria Mae Fuller, age 88, died August 28, 1997 in an Enterprise hospital.

Funeral services were held August 31, 1997 at 4:00 p.m. from Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Mart Gray officiating.

Burial was in The Evergreen Cemetery in Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include a daughter: Jeanne Callaway, a son-in-law: Bill D. Callaway of Elba; 5 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild.

TISHEY HARPER DAVIS
Mrs. Tishey Harper Davis, age 96, of Elba, died August 28, 1997 in a Dothan hospital.

Funeral services were held, August 30, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. from The Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, with clergy Lamar Harper officiating.

Burial was in the New Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery, Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include a daughter: Ruby N. Gray, Elba; one son: Raymond Davis, Florence, AL; 8 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, 2 great great grandchildren and other relatives.

Elba High Band Calendar Sale now in progress

The Elba Band Calendar Sale is now in progress. These Community Birthdays Calendars can be purchased for \$5.00 from any band member. The calendar sale, which will continue through September 3, is an annual fund-raising event of the Elba Band Booster Club.

Please support your local band by purchasing your own birthday calendar.

Miss Alabama 1996 to perform in area radio show

Area high school football teams won't be the only ones kicking off a new season Friday night. WRJL-FM "The Rose" will present their own show in a series of Gospel concerts called *Friday Alive* this Friday at 7 p.m. at the Flowers Center for Performing Arts in Ozark.

This week's *Friday Alive* will feature Ms. Alabama Alison McCreary. Other regional groups will also be performing Friday night including The Conrads, Higher Call, Coleen Beasley and New Life.

Friday Alive director, Jim Vaughn, said the show was designed specifically for families and the many area gospel performers.

"So many people are interested in good gospel events they can attend and there's certainly plenty of very talented groups out there looking for good venues where they can perform and expand their ministries," Vaughn said. Gospel groups or soloists interested in performing on *Friday Alive* are invited to call The Rose at 1-800-848-0937.

Friday Alive will also be broadcast live every week on "The Rose" 93.7 FM.

General admission tickets are \$7.00 and available at the door every Friday night or in advance by calling Ticketlink at 1-800-277-1700. All admission receipts benefit the performer's ministries and Flowers Center for the Performing Arts.

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Dear Editor,
I need a home for a black Lab about five or six months old. She is a beautiful dog and would make a wonderful pet for a child or an older person.

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I found good homes for the two Cocker and part-Corgy. I was swamped with phone calls about these three dogs and very pleased with the people who adopted them. Please remember the animal shelter has all kinds of dogs for adoption. I repeat and repeat - these animals are killed if not adopted in seven days.

My phone number is 897-6469. Please consider Midnight and give me a call.

Respectfully yours,
BERNICE CLAY

C.C. Republican Committee to meet

The Coffee County Republican Committee will meet Thursday, Sept. 18, at 6 p.m. at PoFolk Restaurant on Boll Weevil Circle in Enterprise.

Dinner and fellowship first, to be followed by business meeting at 7 p.m.

Jimmy H. Baker, Deputy State Supt. of Education, Administration and Finance, will be guest speaker.

Mr. Baker is a native of Coffee County and a former Supt. of Education for both Daleville City and Coffee County School Systems.

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Socials and Community News

Dewberry-Reed wedding held May 31st



Mrs. Kevin Dewberry

Wendy Lynn Reed of Montgomery, AL and T. Kevin Dewberry of Elba, AL were united in marriage May 31, 1997 at 2:00 in the afternoon at the First Baptist Church in Opelika, AL with Rev. Ron Madison officiating the ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Linda Burrell and Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Reed of Montgomery, AL; Tallahassee, AL and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy G. Dewberry of Elba, AL.

"If You Could See What I See" was sung by Danny Davidson, roommate of the groom. "I Will Follow You" was sung by Dawn Brantley and Matt Madison during the lighting of the unity candle.

Given in marriage by her father, Robert E. Reed, the bride wore an elegant sleeveless white gown made of silk. The bodice was covered with lace and the back was open, forming a V, adorned with a chapel-length train. She wore a white veil. The bridesmaids wore simple white flower made of silk. It had a blusher veil with piping surrounding the edge. The bride carried a bouquet of bright flowers including Gerbera daisies, white, peach and yellow roses with purple statice.

The maid of honor was Jennifer Blanchard of Montgomery, AL. Bridesmaids were Molly Burrell, Rachel Hallman, both of Montgomery, AL and Tara McGraw, Birmingham, AL.

The groom wore a black tuxedo with tails and a green and blue blackwatch plaid cummerbund. Best man was his father, Tommy Dewberry of Elba, AL. His groomsmen were: Joe Jacobs, Grant Coleman and Matt Gray, all of Elba, AL. Ushers were: Sean Thornton, Robert Thornton, Prattville, AL, Bob Dixon, Greenville, AL and Jason Ozwall of Montgomery, AL.

Cowart-Sutley wedding to be held September 6th



Miss Cowart/Mr. Sutley

Miss Daisy Cowart will become the bride of Mr. Ashley Sutley on Saturday, September 6, 1997 at 5:00 in the afternoon at the Elba Deliverance Tabernacle on Taylor Mill Road, Elba, AL.

After the ceremony, a reception will be held in the fellowship hall of the church. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.



Susie Johnson celebrates 13th birthday

Susie Johnson celebrated her 13th birthday Aug. 27. She is the daughter of Steve and Angie Johnson of Ino.

Susie has two brothers: Tony, age 11, and Kit, 5 years; and one sister, Echo, 7-1/2 months.

Her grandparents are Jimmy and Joyce Lashley of Ino, and Guy and Sue Johnson, Enterprise.

Deadline For Social News Is MONDAY!

New Arrival



Jac Quan Crawford

JAC QUAN ISAIAH CRAWFORD

Jac Quan Isaiah Crawford was born July 9, 1997 in an Enterprise hospital, weighing 6 lbs. and 2 ozs. Parents are Gaysha Rodgers of Elba and John Venible of Boston Mass. and James and Brenda Crawford of Enterprise.

The Christening of Jac Quan Isaiah Crawford, son of Gaysha Rodgers and Jeff Crawford was held August 24, 1997 during the worship service at Harris Temple Church, God in Christ, Elba, Elder W.K. Ellison, pastor.

Jac Quan was dedicated to God. His god-parents are Henry and Judy Row.



Joseph Hayden Disotell

Joseph Hayden Disotell celebrates 2nd birthday

Joseph Hayden Disotell celebrated his second birthday on Aug. 3. He is the son of Eddy and Brandy Disotell of Elba.



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The CHRISTIAN MISSION OF ELBA would like to thank everyone for the support we have received. Don't forget that we are in a new location (old Western Auto Store) and all the donations are so greatly appreciated. If anyone has books, or household items to give away, please remember The Christian Mission needs All Items.

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Scripture: Romans 1:1-31
Thinking of you, praying for you: the Highwater family, the Watters family, the Donaldson family, Bruce Cole, Catherine Johnson, Lillian Finch, Lillian Finch, Mincey, the Capps family, W.I. Caldwell, the Evans family, Evelyn Y. Manning, Roderick Rideaux, Virginia McGowan.

Each day God sends His loving aid.

To strengthen you and me,

We need to use today's supply

And let tomorrow be.

Birthday and wedding anniversary: D.J. Belcher - Sept. 5; Wiley and Juniaia Brooks - wedding anniversary.

Benefit Program - A benefit program in behalf of Sister Mary Ann Shy Copeland will be held at Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, Troy, on Sept. 13, at 7 p.m. All groups, soloists, choirs, church families and the general public are invited to attend. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Sponsored by the Mt. Nebo Senior Choir, chairperson - Sis. Joann Spiker, president - Sis. Annie C. Foster; Rev. Allen Gochett, pastor.

Annual session of the Mulberry Matron Dept., an auxiliary of the Mulberry Women's Dept., Saturday, Sept. 20, 9:30 a.m. - Mulberry Education Building, Elba. Theme: "Go A Little Farther In Raising A Standard." Matt. 26:39.

Programme: 9:30 a.m. - House called to order, president; devotional - Sis. Annie P. Siler; Matrons and Pleasant Ridge Choir will render music.

Reading and adoption of minutes of last annual session and today's program - Sis. Lisa Rice; greetings - Sis. Lizzie McDonald, counselor; Sis. Lizzie McDonald, counselor; Sis. Alice Freney, president; Mulberry District, Rev. J.G. Chatmon, moderator, Mulberry District.

Matrons Pledge - Sis. Mary Ann Poole; inspirational address - Sis. Ceile L. Chatmon, president, Pike County Women's Convention.

11 a.m. - appointing of committees and registration

11:20 a.m. - Selection - choir

Sermon - Rev. Henry M. Carnegie Jr., pastor of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Henderson, Ala.; alternate - Rev. J.G. Chatmon.

Selection - Pleasant Ridge Choir; offering - Finance Committee.

Recognition of guests - dismissal for lunch

1:30 p.m. - raffle - Sis. Juniaia Scott presiding; Grand March - members; hymn - Sis. Gussie Corne-

lius; prayer - Sis. Annie P. Siler; selection; Echoes from Southeast - Sis. Ann McMillan, counselor; presentation of president - Sis. Juniaia Scott; president's annual address - Sis. Gladys Yelverton; selection - Matrons; Memorial Services - Sis. Joyce Coleman, Sister Carolyn Lawrence, Sister Catherine Neal.

Committee reports, election of officers, closing song and benediction.

Officers: President - Sis. Gladys Yelverton; vice president - Sis. Juniaia Scott; secretary - Sis. Lisa Rice; treasurer - Sis. Josie Caldwell; chaplain - Sis. Annie P. Siler; Counselor - Sis. Lizzie McDonald; Counselor - Sis. Lizzie McDonald; Mulberry District Women's Convention - Sis. Alice Freney, President.

Committees: Personal - Sis. Teresa Stringer, chair; Special Effort - Sis. Janie Kelley; Disbursement - Sis. Mary Robinson; Circle - Sis. Martha Green; Finance - Sis. Janie Caldwell; Food - Sis. Ollie Henderson; Sis. Clara Dozier; Sis. Lucile Wade; Guests of Honor: Districts of Pike County, Southwest, Salem/Enterprise, New Era #2, Helicon, Geneva, and New Pine Grove.

Big Brother and Big Sister - In Time Organization, non-profit

This organization was formed by several people in the surrounding community trying to help the young African American. Some people have positive attitudes and belief in God.

Why Big Brother and Big Sister In Time organization? There are four basic principles as to why the organization was started:

1 - unity - As a people we must all be unified if we desire to make a change.

2 - Examples - We must set ourselves as examples to our youth if we ever want them to make a change.

3 - Faith - We must have faith that God sees our youth as vessels that can be used for His purpose to bring about a change in our young community.

4 - Take Back - our organization plans to take back what Satan thinks he has stolen from us - our youth.

"Victory is ours," said the Lord.

Who comprises the organization? Board members are as follows: Senior advisors - Elder J.C. Rodgers, Juniaia Rodgers, Rev. Willie L. Peterson; advisors: Patricia Mitchell, Patti Culver, Charlotte Crittenden; officers: Bridget Hooks - president; Kim McBride - vice president; Tiffany Rodgers - secretary; Xandra Rodgers - corresponding secretary; Marietta Carpenter - treasurer.

What will the organization do? We plan to be there for our youth in every way possible - tutoring, after school activities, mentoring, pastime functions.

It is time to stop talking about our youth being a generation that is falling away - it is time to take some action and help our youth to become a successful generation.

They need to know that we, the elder generation, are there for them, we love them and we believe in them. If we don't show them we care, who will?

Initial board members: J.C. Rodgers - 897-5385; Juniaia Rodgers - 897-5385; Willie L. Peterson - 897-3668; Patricia Mitchell - 897-3187; Patti Culver - 897-8216.

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There is good news! In spite of a sinful condition, all one has to do is to recognize sin as a reproach to God and REPENT. Man must be BORN AGAIN. You can be that "New Man" today if you can only acknowledge your sin, repent of that sin, confess that sin, forsake that sin, believe on the Lord Jesus, and accept His forgiveness - you can be saved.

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Laney Attends FHA Nationals



Angie Laney, a STAR Events State winner, attended the Future Home-Makers of America (FHA) National Meeting. The meeting was held in San Diego, California, last July.

Angie was a part of the Alabama State delegation that made the trip. Among this group was Mrs. Paul Maddox, the FHA adviser from New Brockton High School. Angie sold candy last spring to help raise the funds necessary to finance this trip.

In addition to gathering new ideas to bring home to the local chapter, Angie had the opportunity to tour the city of San Diego and the San Diego Zoo.

Canteen Comments

During the first weeks of school, the weather was very hot and humid and close places with large crowds of people could be like a sauna. Beta Club members, because Beta Club is a service organization, serve as clerks in the canteen. However, the canteen, at morning break or at afternoon break, qualified as a sauna.

One Beta member decided to record interesting statements heard while the long-suffering members of the student body suffered greatly in order to obtain a small portion of food and drink. Here is an example of the statements recorded.

Quit it! Stop it.
That's my toe!
Hey-where'd she go?
It's so hot!
That's my spot.
Hey you broke
I smell smoke.
Oh, no, I dropped my dollar.
You don't have to holler!
Don't touch me. Be quiet.
Tomorrow I'll start my diet.
Go ahead, I'll wait.
I will try to not be late.
Doritos. . . no-Lay's. . . no-pretzels. I'm through.
Peppi. Dr. Pepper. Sunkist.
Mountain Dew.
Grape thing and hurry.
Why's everything so blurry.
I'm tired of standing.
Don't be so demanding!
Hush, here comes a teacher.
What was that about a preacher?
Huh? I don't understand.
Someone better watch their hands.
Alright, what's that smell?
I think that I just heard the bell!

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ZION CHAPEL HIGH SCHOOL REBEL NEWS

Rachel Bryan, Sponsor

Rebel News Briefs

BAND
On the business day of August 16, Hardee's of Elba donated 20% of their sales to the Zion Chapel Band. On this particular day the band also held a car wash. These two activities, as well as donations to the band, netted over \$600 to help finance band activities.

YEARBOOK STAFF
The sixteen members of REBEL 98 had their first experience with the controlled chaos that can occur on a day when pictures are being made. On the first picture day pictures of the band, football team, and cheerleaders were made for the yearbook and for the football program.

FEA
The FFA officers for the 1997-98 school year met before school started to make plans for the organization's year. They agreed that the first regular monthly meeting should be held to discuss the activities in which the organization wanted to participate. They organized chairpersons to oversee the competitions for the year and they agreed that they wanted to enter every local competition with the intention of sending someone to regional competition.

COMPUTER PROGRAMMING
Computer Programming is a new class being offered at Zion Chapel. The instructor is Mrs. Lori McCrory. Only juniors and seniors have been admitted to the class. The class members will be learning how to work on databases and visual basic.

GIRLS BASKETBALL CAMP
Rebecca Kidd, Jessica Kelley, and Renae Dismukes attended Joe Clapp's Individual Basketball Camp at Auburn University during the summer. During days that began at 7 a.m. and often did not end until 11 p.m., the girls learned techniques and strategies to help improve their game.

FOOTBALL
Every Tuesday and Thursday during the summer months were designated as workout nights for any person interested in improving their physical shape to make them stronger for playing football. A trip to Miracle Strip is planned for every player who attended at least 13 out of the 16 workouts.

After two weeks of full practice, the football team held a Red/white pre-season scrimmage game. The game was two twelve-minute quarters. The band performed during halftime. A dance was held after the game.

CHEERLEADERS
Two Troy State University Cheerleaders conducted a clinic for the Zion Chapel Varsity Cheerleaders early in August. The Varsity Cheerleaders are Suzanna Stinson, Kendra Ward, Emily Mitchell, Kayla Eddins, Sarah Maddox, Christina Shuman, and Crissy Houston.

BAND CAMP
Danielle Richards and Morgan Hodge attended the Troy State University Summer Band Camp. After a week of work Danielle and Morgan were among the group that presented a combined performance at the end of the week.

SENIOR CLASS
It's always best to get the worst over at first. The seniors have already had to learn and recite the first fourteen lines of Chaucer's PROLOGUE TO THE CANTERBURY TALES in middle English. You know . . . "Whan that Aprilie . . ."

Coffee County Schools Menu

BREAKFAST
Monday - Pop Tart, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Tuesday - Pancake PUP w/Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - Cheese Grits, Toast, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Biscuit, Ham, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Friday - Honey Bun, Cereal, Juice, Milk

LUNCH
Monday - Rib BBQ Sandwich or Fish Nuggets, Cole Slaw, Tater Tots, Fruit, Peanut Butter Cake, Milk
Tuesday - Fried Chicken or Corn Dog, Creamed Potatoes, Seasoned Green Beans, Rolls, Banana Pudding, Fruit, Milk
Wednesday - Grilled Chicken Flet Sandwich or Baked Ham, Turnips, Apple, Sweetheart Potato Souffle, Cornbread, Milk
Thursday - Lasagna or Pizza, Green Salad w/RC Dressing, Whole Kernel Corn, Peaches, Garlic Bread, Milk
Friday - Roast Beef or Chicken Pattie Sandwich, Whole WhitePotatoes, English Peas, Strawberry Shortcake, Fruit, Milk

ZC Reps Attend FBLA Conference

by Laura Williams
Mrs. Rachel Bryan, my sponsor, and I had the honor of attending the first Institute for Leaders (IFL) held in Anaheim, California. The Conference began Sunday morning with registration. FBLA members were given name tags and notebooks. We were divided into A, B, and C groups.

All groups attended the opening session where Dr. Edward Miller was the keynote speaker. He inspired those listening to be an active part of the first Institute for Leaders and to take with us all the knowledge it had to offer. After the opening session we divided into the A, B, and C groups and went to the first of six required workshops that made up the Core Program.

ABC's of Membership was presented by the 1996-1997 National Officer Team. There were two to three officers presenting the workshop for each group. In this workshop attendees became acquainted with one another through various "ice-breaker" exercises and learned how to achieve the Best Chapter.

Dress to Impress focused on how you look and behave. Debbie Cross gave pointers on what colors go with different skin tones, what to wear and what not to wear to an interview, basic body language, and presenting your best self. Marketing Madness was presented by Angela Cain, Louise LeGrand, and Ryan Underwood. In this workshop we discussed marketing FBLA in a successful manner to increase membership recruitment, member and community involvement, and how to become an extraordinary chapter.

Party Hendrickson taught us the hows and whys of making great presentations in Present Like a Pro! The last of the six required workshops was Written Communications presented by Cathy Winland. The purpose of this workshop was to explain effective writing techniques, and proofreading skills to enhance business writing abilities.

Mrs. Bryan and I also attended the same three elective workshops. Tourette Syndrome was presented by Mark LeVins. He told us of misconceptions surrounding the effects of Tourette Syndrome and showed different videos concerning the disease. Duane Marlor described his experience as an entrepreneur in The Successful Entrepreneur: How to be Your Own Boss.



Pictured above are: James McCauley, National FBLA President; and Laura Williams, State FBLA President.

Gifts of Life presented by Marlon Smith. Wilson as the keynote speaker. Mrs. Bryan and I met with her afterwards and saw her gold medal. Institute for Leaders was an excellent opportunity to learn new leadership skills and to improve old ones.



FFA Officers Attend Conference

The Southeast Alabama Northwest Florida Made for Excellence Conference was held in Dothan. Members attending the conference from the Zion Chapel Chapter were (front) Angie Laney, Jerod Jirright, (back) Daniel Progen, Wesley Clark, Matt Dunn, and Mr. John McCrory. Mr. McCrory is the sponsor of the ZC Chapter. The conference was held to train officers to be leaders in their chapter, county, and community. The conference provided FFA members with the knowledge and skills needed to set and achieve goals in all areas of life—mental, physical, spiritual and social.

Beta Club Elects Officers



Laura Williams was chosen to serve as president of the Beta Club, a service organization that honors academic excellence.

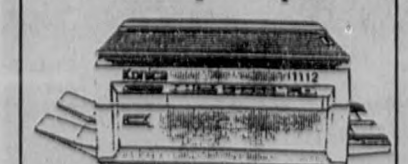
Laura, as well as the other officers, were chosen on the basis of an essay written by each candidate explaining why each wanted to serve in a particular office. The essay also explained what qualities each candidate thought he or she could bring to the office.

Pictured above are all the officers: front row (l-r) - President Laura Williams, Vice President Beth Leverett, Secretary Salena Shuman, Treasurer Tina Johnson, and Ashley Nelson, Sentinel Wesley Clark; second row - Historians Matt Dunn, and Justin Law, Hospitality Committee members Lashell Marler and Kayla Eddins; back row - Hospitality Committee members Stacy Cape and Morgan Hodge, and Membership Chairperson Tessa Hall. Parliamentarian Chris Archie not pictured.

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VICA Spotlight



by Matthew Farris
This week's VICA Spotlight centers on Stephen Adcock, an employee at Larry's Paint and Body, located on Highway 166 just past the school.

Larry's paint and body is a small, family owned business that repairs old and wrecked vehicles. This is an important business to Stephen and his Dad and through the years they have earned a reputation of doing quality work.

Stephen is the son of Larry and Cheryl Adcock and is a senior at Elba High School. He is involved in VICA and is an active member of Faith Chapel, participating in the choir and other youth activities. Stephen plans to attend college after high school but is not yet sure what profession he will enter. He is an outstanding student and will serve the public very well as part of America's work force.

Tiger Tales



ANNA HEAD
Editor

ELIZABETH STRONG
Assistant Editor

EHS Head Basketball Coach



Coach Marion Johnston is a graduate of Mcintosh High School in McIntosh, Alabama and Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma where he majored in health and physical education. He came to Elba from Tuscaloosa County High School where he taught Driver's Education and coached basketball for 7 years. Coach Johnston teaches Driver's Education as well as serving as the head coach of the varsity and B-teams at EHS. In his free time, Coach Johnston enjoys playing sports, fishing, hunting, and spending time with his family.

Coach Johnston has been involved in coaching for several years. He feels that his biggest influence in coaching was his college coach, Dave Baker. When asked what his expectations for the basketball teams are this year he said, "Just for them to work hard, to be competitive, and to also represent Elba in a positive way. We are very proud to welcome him to our school. Good Luck! Go tigers!"

JV Volleyball New Students Welcomed

by Aylda Cumberland
This year's Lady Tigers Junior Varsity volleyball camp was instructed by Mrs. Janie Wiggins, a coach at Kinston High School. Camp was held Wednesday and Thursday, August 13th-14th. There were approximately 20 girls that attended this camp to learn basic volleyball skills. Skills taught were: bumping the ball, how to serve, how to spike and types of footwork.

Coach Barnes feels that this year's team will be successful with the hard work and dedication that these girls contributed during the camp. Good luck Lady Tigers.

Where Did You Live Before?

by Shea Free & Brandee Farris

Demarius Howe - St. Louis, MI
Ellisious Townsend - Enterprise
Stephen Goodwin - Zion Chapel
Chris Canley - Zion Chapel
Robert McKinley - Texarkana, AK
William West - Brookville, FL
Kyle English - New Brooklyn
Cintia Nunes - Brasilia, Brazil
Aaron Tew - Brandon, MS
Audrey Mongum - Troy
David Eddins - Iowa
Bobbie Jo Allman - Old Town, FL
Francis English - Ft. Bragg, NC
Kristina Mangum - Troy
Kimberly Richardson - Wicksburg
Michael Goodwin - Zion Chapel
Wade Parker - Zion Chapel
April Ware - Hawaii
Heather Hays - Inverness, FL
Shedeki Townsend - Enterprise
Jeffery Fuller - Zion Chapel
Richard Myers - Idaho

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Elbala Staff Attends Josten's Summer Yearbook Workshop

by Luke Bludworth and Chad Mashburn
On June 18-20, Matthew Farris and Luke Bludworth along with journalism advisor, Mrs. Julie Norris, attended the Josten's Summer Workshop at Auburn University. This workshop taught these students many valuable skills for designing the yearbook including page layout, copy writing, photograph cropping and photography for the workshop techniques.

Special guest speaker was Blaze Hayes, a national award winner in yearbook design. Mr. Hayes presented the workshop attendees with many valuable ideas and techniques for use in their 1998 yearbook. Both Matthew and Luke brought these important skills back for the Elbala staff to learn and perfect during the summer. Throughout the 1998 year, the knowledge gained from this workshop will prove to be a great asset for the entire journalism staff.

1997-98 SGA Association



by Vaughan Lloyd
The 1997-98 Student Government Association class representatives were elected last week. There are four representatives from each grade 7-12. They will help with various SGA activities throughout the year. Some of the activities will include a food drive, February heart-to-heart match-ups, field day and more. The SGA officers and representatives are looking forward to a busy year.

The 1997-98 representatives are as follows: 7th grade: Devri Kilcrease, Melissa Sanders, Deann Smith, and Krysti Ward; 8th grade: Hunter Branch-Carr, April Cook, Ashley Harrelson, and Shay Johnson; 9th grade: Jimbo Cook, Onaida Davis, Valice Moore, and Melissa Mularz; 10th grade: Emilee Benbow, Leslie Stinson, Shanna Tillis, and Kendra Vaughan; 11th grade: Deanna Gilford, Phil Schneider, Elizabeth Stephens, and Mark Wicker; 12th grade: Brandee Farris, Brandie Mann, Tawanna Rogers, and Jason Sasser.

Elba Elementary School Menus

Sep. 8 - 12, 1997

Breakfast	Lunch
Monday - Cinnamon Toast or Cereal, Fruit, Milk	Monday - Chicken Fillet on Bun, Butter-beans, Whole Kernel Corn, Oatmeal Raisin Cookie, Fruit, Milk
Tuesday - Breakfast Pizza or Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Chili Dog, Potato Tots, California Vegetables, Half Orange, Milk
Wednesday - Sausage & Biscuit or Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Pizza, Broccoli w/Cheese, Whole Kernel Corn, Peach Half, Milk
Thursday - Pancake w/ Syrup or Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Cheeseburger, French Fries, Baked Beans, Tomato, Lettuce, Dill, Vanilla
Friday - Cheese Grits or Cereal, Toast, Milk	Friday - Steakfinger, Mashed Potatoes, Garden Peas, Rolls, Half Apple, Milk

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THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The youth football teams began their season last week in Opp, and since the games were played on Friday night, they posed no problem for Melanie and her weekly trek to the skating rink. The rest of the games will be on Saturday, however, and that means that her skating will have to take a backseat to being a cheerleader. Her trip to the skating rink was more important than going with Dad to Mobile a couple of weekends ago to see Grandma, and it will be interesting to see which sport she likes best.

ELBA TIGERS READY FOR SEASON OPENER

The Elba Tigers and Coach David Sikes will hit the field Friday night when they host the Charles Henderson Trojans to open the 1997 high school football season. The Tigers struggled to a 4-7 record a year ago and will be heavy underdogs to the 5A Trojans, but Coach Sikes has this bunch believing they can win no matter who they are playing, and a win Friday night might just be a stepping stone toward a big year for the Tigers. I

watched Elba scrimmage last week and was impressed with the play of a number of players; however, the Tigers are a little short in numbers, and will have to have a lot of luck with the injury bug if they are to keep their best possible players on the field. If Elba can stay healthy it has a chance to surprise some folks. Heck, I'm surprised already how well the team has improved under Coach Sikes and for the first time in a couple of years can't wait for the season to begin.

What is Elba going to do? If I knew that I wouldn't have to go to the game, but here is a guess. The offense will have some big plays and will move the ball at times, while at other times will get hit for some losses and look bad. The offense will get more work with the season goes on. ng, however, and it should only get better and better. On defense, look for the Tigers to be very aggressive and really put some licks on their opponents. They don't have a lot of size and will get pushed around at times up front, but the players have a lot of pride and won't ever go down without a fight. All in all, this is going to be a fun bunch to watch and a bunch you'll love to cheer for.

AREA TEAMS ALL FACE TOUGH OPENERS

The high school season starts this week all across the state, and closer to home, the area teams will all face tough openers. Here's a quick peek...

NEW BROCKTON will host Houston Academy and it should come down to who wins the war in the trenches. The Gamecocks will have the

advantage with their quickness, but will have to get some holes for their backs to run through. This should be a very good match-up between two very good small school clubs.

KINSTON will play host to a re-building Red Level team and will have its hands full with the resurgent Tigers from Covington County. If Kinston can get off to a good start the Bulldogs could pull off the big win, but it had better use the heat time-out wisely, because that will be the only break the players get. This should be a very entertaining game.

BRANTLEY will hit the road for a Thursday night encounter against the Straughn Tigers and this has to be one of the top prep games in the state. The Bulldogs have the youngest veteran team ever put together in high school football, with two and three-year starters still being freshmen and sophomores. Don't let their youth fool ya. Brantley is a team to watch, and a win this week could be the springboard for a winning season.

PREP COACHES PICK RIGGS AS STATE'S BEST

The Montgomery Advertiser surveyed the state's high school football coaches during the All-Star Sports Week festivities back in July, and the coaches voted that in their opinion T.R. Miller's Jamie Riggs is the state's "top coach." Riggs coached at Opp years ago and didn't win enough to satisfy the Bobcat faithful, but since taking the job at Miller has led the Tigers to a 94-14 record and two state championships in the 4A ranks. Rounding out the Top 10 were (2) Oxford's Robert Herring, (3) Montgomery Academy's John Tatum, (4) Jeff Davis's Charles Lee, (5) Fayette County's Walden Tucker, (6) Laverne's Butch Norman, (7) Clay County's Danny Horn, (8) West End's Randy Hallmark, (9) Blount's Ben Harris, and (10) a tie between Maplesville's Jim Hubbard and Central of Phenix City's Wayne Trawick. I'm sure a lot of folks don't agree with some of the choices, but it is something for the die-hard high school football fans to discuss.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR KEEPS FINGERS CROSSED

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped by the office Sunday afternoon and as always was fussing about how hard it is to predict high school football games the first week of the season. Last year he was crying the same song and then hit on 24 of 37 to open the season with a winning record. I'll admit that the first week is the toughest, but the local guesstest ended the season with a record of 457-98, which means he should be able to at least hit the first few times around. Here goes....

ELBA VS. CHARLES HENDERSON

The Elba Tigers will open the season with their third coach in the past four years and have one of their smallest squads in years. It's not always the size that's important, however, and the guess in this corner is that the end of the season the Elba side of the field might just lead to a huge upset.

ELBA 16 CHARLES HENDERSON 17

NEW BROCKTON VS. HOUSTON ACADEMY

The New Brockton Gamecocks face one of the area's top 1A teams in their opener, and there is more than the usual amount of pressure on the Gamecocks, since their fans are looking for a big year. I'll give New Brockton the advantage in speed and the homefield advantage, but that may not be enough against the Dothan school.

HOUSTON ACADEMY 16 NEW BROCKTON 13

ZION CHAPEL VS. THORSBY

The newly-renovated Zion Chapel Rebels travel up to Thorsby to open the Randy Grant era, and this game could very well tell the tale of what kind of season the Rebels are in for. If ZC can keep it close, or pull out a win, it could be the start of something special. A blowout and it might just be more of the same. How about a "twener."

THORSBY 22 ZION CHAPEL 8

KINSTON VS. RED LEVEL

The Kinston Bulldogs will unleash their small pack of "Dawgs against Red Level to open the season, and this one will be a lot closer than anyone would have thought back in the spring. Red Level has a new coach and a new attitude, and the Tigers may simply have too much in week #1.

RED LEVEL 20 KINSTON 18

BRANTLEY VS. STRAUGHN

The Brantley Bulldogs begin their trip back toward 1A respectability this week against the 2A Straughn Tigers, and while many think the Bulldogs are still a year away, these Bulldogs aren't as young as many may think. Call this one #1 in the rebuilding process.

BRANTLEY 22 STRAUGHN 16

OTHER PICKS:

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Excel 21 Coffeeville 0
Frisco City 32 Johnson 20
Marbury 29 Isabella 6
Georgiana 24 McKenzie 12
Maplesville 21 Notasulga 0
Montgomery Ac. 17 St. Jude 6
Benlah 28 Louisville 20
Trinity 21 Catholic 10
G.W. Long 41 Clayton 6
Highland Home 15 Florida 12
Geneva 14 Geneva County 7
Cottonwood 20 Rehobeth 15
Opp 16 Laverne 15
Samson 14 Slocum 8
Wicksburg 20 Houston County 6
Alexandria 35 Central, Florence 14
Dale County 45 Headland
Pike County 16 Ashford 14
Daleville 40 Bullock County 0
T.R. Miller 32 Andalusia 8
W.S. Neal 21 Hillcrest 8
Greenville 27 Monroe County 6
Carroll 16 Lanier 13
R.E. Lee 24 Carver 6
Jeff Davis 21 Murphy 10
Theodore 15 Dothan 14
Enterprise 21 Bay 17
Bainbridge 16 Northview 3

The top finishers from each of the eight age groups at the local competition will advance to a sectional competition in Dothan, with the winners at the sectionals having a chance to advance on to the sectional championships in Atlanta.

For more information, call the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation at 897-6833.

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Kinston to host
softball tourney

A men's softball tournament will be held on Saturday, Sept. 6, at the Helin Smith Recreation Complex, in Kinston.

The entry fee is \$100 per team, and each team will hit its own 47 cure softball. There will be a 3 home-run limit, with no ejection. Proceeds will go to the Kinston Recreation Board, with the deadline to enter being Sept. 4 at 8:00 PM.

To enter call Kenneth Davis 565-3184 or Brenda Clark 365-3198.

available tickets in the community.

Anyone looking for tickets or having tickets to sell may contact Jack E. or Jane Brunson at 897-6056, or David or Suzi Stokes at 897-5533 (evenings).

The purpose of the program is to assist fans wanting tickets to local Atlanta football games to locate

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ELBA JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS...for the 1997-98 school year include (kneeling, l-r) Devri Kilcrease, Brandy Davis, Celia Cooper and Katie Crowe. (Standing, l-r) Kerri Lawford, Cammie Kelly - Captain, Melissa Mularz - Co Captain, O'Neida Davis and Casey Skinner.

Kinston hosts Red Level in '97 season opener

The excitement that was so evident in the spring around the Kinston Bulldogs football family was long since vanished due to numerous off the field problems. However, the determination and pride that has been a trademark under Coach Mickey Jacobs is still very much alive, and it is that constant that has the Bulldogs looking forward to their season opener Friday night against the Red Level Tigers.

The game will be played in Kinston, with the kickoff set for 7:30 PM.

"Coming in we really thought it was going to be a good year," stated Coach Jacobs, "but it has quickly fallen apart. We're not about to give up, because we have some kids that can flat play the game. We just don't have the depth we need against the kind of folks we play, and that is a major source of concern."

KINSTON HIGH SCHOOL 1997 VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	SITE	TEAM
Sept.6	9:00am	Briarwood Tourny	B'ham	V
Sept.9	4:00pm	Carroll, Ozark	Away	JV,V
Sept.11	4:00pm	New Brockton	Home	JV,V
Sept.13	9:00am	Kinston Tourny	Away	JV,V
Sept.16	3:30pm	Laurel Hill	Away	JV,V
Sept.18	4:00pm	Trinity/St.James	Trinity	V
Sept.20	TBA	Trinity Tourny	Trinity	V
Sept.23	4:30pm	Enterprise	Away	JV,V
Sept.25	4:00pm	Carroll, Ozark	Home	JV,V
Sept.30	6:30pm	Samson	Away	JV,V
Oct.2	4:30pm	Four-Team Match	Home	V

KINSTON VS. RED LEVEL

Kinston vs. Red Level
Houston Acad. vs. G.W. Long
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Kinston vs. Houston Acad.
G.W. Long vs. Red Level

KINSTON JUNIOR HIGH 1997 VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	SITE	TEAM
Sept.8	4:00pm	Geneva (2)	Home	Jr
Sept.9	4:00pm	Carroll, Ozark	Away	Jr
Sept.11	4:00pm	New Brockton	Home	Jr
Sept.15	4:30pm	E'prise Jr./Dauphin	Away	Jr
Sept.22	4:30pm	Enterprise	Home	Jr
Sept.25	5:00pm	Carroll, Ozark	Away	Jr
Sept.29	4:00pm	Geneva (2)	Away	Jr
Oct.7	4:00pm	New Brockton	Away	Jr

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Hope quickness will pay dividends

Gamecocks open at home against HA Raiders

There is a new, confident attitude this season among the players on the New Brockton Gamecock football team, and third-year Coach Keith Thrasher hopes that the new attitude and desire will surface on the field Friday night when the Gamecocks will open the 1997 football season at home against the Houston Academy Raiders.

The Gamecocks will be played at Gamecock Stadium, with the kickoff set for 7:30 PM.

"We've made some steps in the right direction and have improved in many areas," admitted Thrasher, "but we're still not where I want us to be, and we won't reach that level until we get some leadership out of the players that we have to count on day in and day out."

The New Brockton offense has been explosive at times during the

fans excited! Fullback Jerry Haynes, a three-year starter, has gained over 1,500 yards over the past two seasons, and last year scored 16 touchdowns, while sophomore Lee Flowers has already displayed the speed to score from anywhere on the field on any given play, and has gained over 2,000 yards in his brief career.

The Gamecocks still aren't big up front; however, they do have some quality players in Pate Harrison (5'10", 160) and Aaron Burns (5'10", 195), and if it can overcome some pre-season injuries, the line could be a source of strength.

New Brockton will return eight starters on the defensive side of the football, and despite a lack of size, has the quickness and aggressive attitude to be a solid unit.

Linebackers Jason Allums and Pate Harrison anchor the defense, with Jerry Haynes, Andre Flowers and Lee Flowers backing them in the secondary.

Anthony Hutcherson, Willie Bryant and Kendall Merritt will anchor the front wall of the defense, and should help the Gamecocks be-

NEW BROCKTON GAMECOCKS

SEPT.5	HOUSTON AC. (1A)	HOME
SEPT.12	G.W. LONG (2A)	AWAY
SEPT.19	STRAUGHN (2A)	AWAY
SEPT.26	GEORGIANA (2A) *	HOME
OCT.3	RED LEVEL (2A)	AWAY
OCT.10	GOSHEN (2A)	AWAY
OCT.17	WICKSBURG (2A)	HOME
OCT.24	KINSTON (1A)	AWAY
OCT.31	LUVERNE (2A) *	HOME
NOV.7	ZION CHAPEL (1A)	HOME

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Zion Chapel travels to Thorsby for start of 1997 grid campaign

The Zion Chapel Rebels have put the disappointment and pain of last season's 1-9 record in the past, and under the leadership of new Coach Randy Grant, hopes are high at Zion Chapel that the Rebels will begin their rebuilding process Friday night when they host Thorsby in the 1997 season opener.

The game will be played at Green Memorial Stadium, with the kickoff set for 7:30 PM.

Last season the Rebels barely had enough players to complete the season, finishing the year with only 13 players. This year the numbers are back up, with over 30 players on the roster, and the attitude has changed greatly.

"We had to start from scratch and

ZION CHAPEL REBELS

SEPT.5	THORSBY (1A)	HOME
SEPT.12	HOUSTON AC. (1A) *	AWAY
SEPT.19	G.W. LONG (2A)	HOME
SEPT.26	CLAYTON (2A)	HOME
OCT.3	LYMAN WARD (2A)	AWAY
OCT.10	FAYETTEVILLE (1A)	AWAY
OCT.17	ISABELLA (1A)	AWAY
OCT.24	ARITON (1A) *	HOME
OCT.31	KINSTON (1A) *	HOME
NOV.7	NEW BROCKTON (2A)	AWAY

(* DENOTES AREA CONTEST)

BRANTLEY BULLDOGS

SEPT.4	STRAUGHN (2A)	AWAY
SEPT.12	RED LEVEL (2A)	HOME
SEPT.19	GOSHEN (2A)	HOME
SEPT.26	MCKENZIE (1A) *	AWAY
OCT.3	LUVERNE (2A)	AWAY
OCT.10	FRISCO CITY (1A) *	AWAY
OCT.17	MAPLESVILLE (1A)	HOME
OCT.24	HIGHLAND HOME (2A)	HOME
OCT.31	GEORGIANA (2A)	HOME
NOV.7	J.U. BLACKSHER (1A) *	AWAY

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ELBA VARSITY CHEERLEADERS...attended a cheerleader camp at Auburn University this summer and brought home superior rankings for their cheers, chants, dances and jumps. In addition, the cheerleaders also received superior rankings for their all-around performances. Squad members include (kneeling, l-r) Katie Vaughan, Emilee Benbow, Julie Robinson, Laura Crowe and Lindsey Jared. (Standing, l-r) Anna Head - Captain, Bonnie Vaughan, Shannon Lott - Co Captain, Kerry Kelley and Misty Kelley.



1997 ELBA HIGH SCHOOL TIGERS

PeeWee Tigers open with 18-12 win over Opp

The Elba Youth Football League opened its season last weekend with a triple-header, in Opp.

The Midget Tigers opened with a 16-0 setback to Opp. Chase Boutwell and Ryan McCollough led the Tiger defense.

The Termie Tigers dropped their opener to Opp 24-8. LaRay Williams scored the Tiger touchdown on a 50-yard scamper, and Derrick Cooks added the two-point conversion. Defensive standouts included Ryan Gibbs, Bradley Bane and Alex Benbow.

The PeeWee Tigers claimed an exciting 18-12 win over Opp. Brandon Petty scored 2 touchdowns to lead Elba, while Todd Horstead added one score, as the Tiger backs rushed for over 200 yards.

ESJC offering swim classes

Classes offered at Enterprise State Junior College this fall include: *Beginning Yoga* - classes will include exercises to enhance concentration as well as improve body flexibility and range of motion, and each class will conclude with a deep relaxation exercise.

This class is for any age person. Students should wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat or quilt to each class.

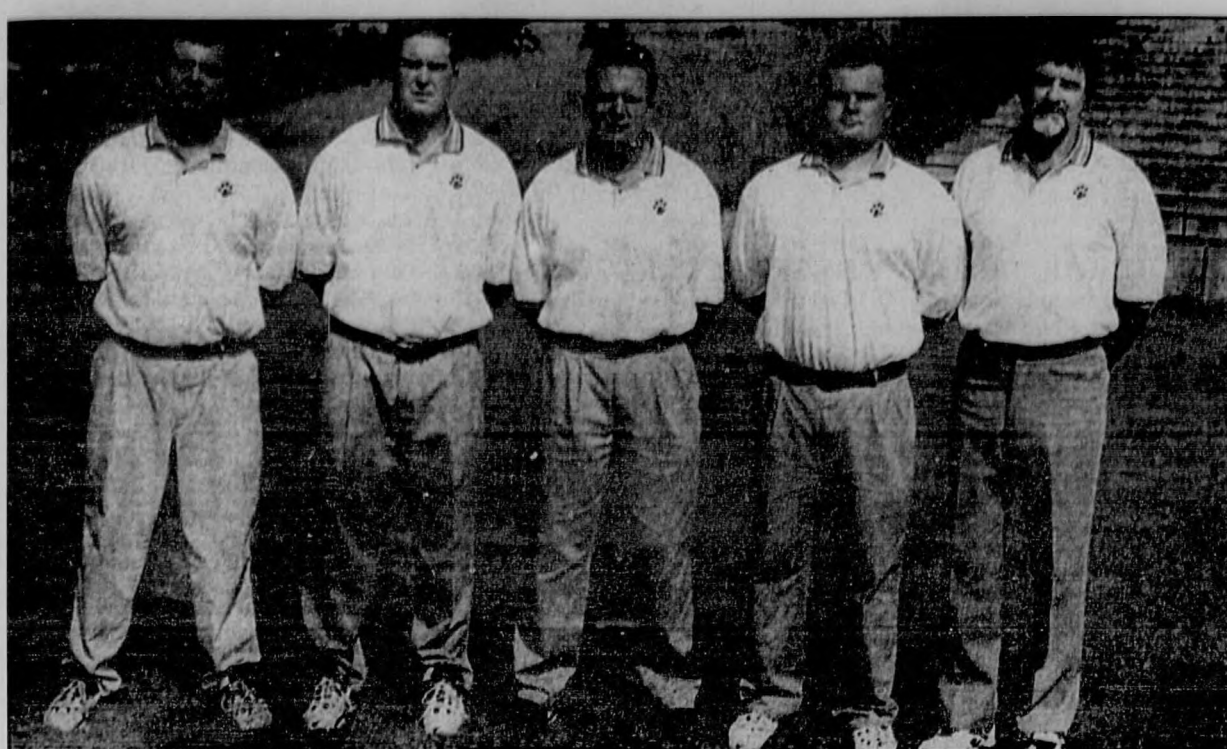
The course will be taught Tuesdays 5:30 - 7 p.m., Sept. 9 - Oct. 14. Registration deadline is Sept. 2 and there is a \$40 fee for the course.

Leisure Swimming - The pool will be available for approximately 24 hours per week. Tentative hours are 11:45 a.m. - 2 p.m. and 5 - 7 p.m. Monday - Thursday, and 9 - Noon Fridays.

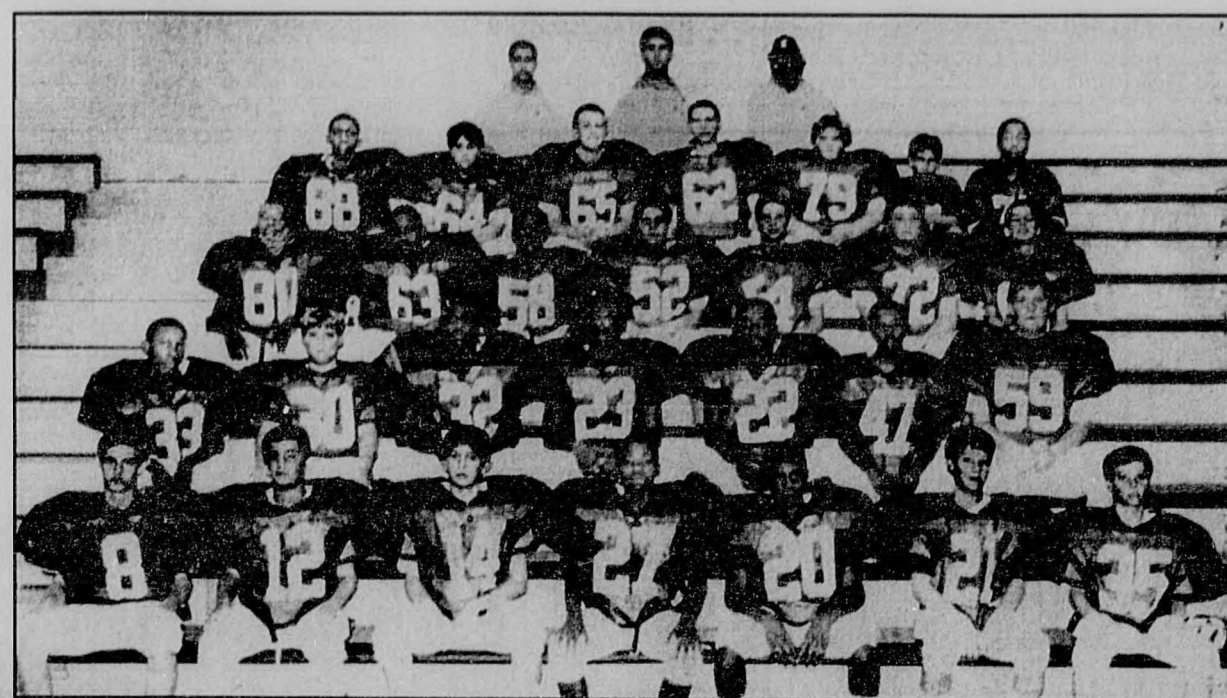
Fee for individual participants is \$25; and \$40 for families.

There is no registration deadline and participants may sign up at any time during the quarter.

For more information on any of these courses, call 334/993-ESJC, Ext. 234.



ELBA TIGER COACHING STAFF...The coaching staff for the Elba Tigers for the 1997 season include (l-r) Boyd English, Wynn Grimes, Head Coach David Sikes, Kevin Killingsworth and Bill Rayborn.



1997 ELBA JUNIOR HIGH TIGERS



JUNIOR HIGH COACHING STAFF...for the 1997 football season include (l-r) Marlon Johnston, Frank Phillips and Brian Weeks.

5K Run set for Oct. 25 in Atmore

The William's Station Day 5K Run/Walk will be held on Saturday, Oct. 25, at 8 a.m., in Atmore, Alabama.

Awards will be given out in twelve male and female age divisions. The pre-registration cost is \$12, while the day of the race registration will be \$17.

Registration forms are available at the Atmore Chamber of Commerce, or the Atmore YMCA, on 501 Pensacola Avenue, Atmore, Alabama 36502.

The registration fee includes a commemorative race shirt, and the race is pending USATF certification.

Barrel races cancelled at Saddle Club

The Barrel Race scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 6, at the Opp Saddle Club Arena has been canceled.

There will be a double show on Oct. 4, beginning at 2 p.m. For more information contact Susan - 222-9072, or Cindy - 222-3892.

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Time for Corn Harvesting

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Rainfall is very critical to corn production. We can do everything almost perfect, but unless the rains come in the right amounts at the right time we don't make corn. Most people don't realize how critical the weather in temperature and rain is to corn production.

Another critical factor which most people don't realize that greatly affects our farmers is prices. In 1972, a full 25 years ago, a bushel of corn sold for \$3.00 per bushel. Today you may almost get \$3.00. Soybeans in 1973 sold for \$13.00 per bushel. Today you almost get \$6.00.

This year our farmers have done an excellent job of producing their crops and the rains have come to most crops at the right time. However, the low prices farmers receive for their products, in contrast to the increased rate of inflation and the rapid increase of the production, input cost has critically affected our farmers. No other business would survive under those conditions.

Mr. Farris as well as many others have experienced many changes in agriculture over his lifetime. About the only thing that has not changed in farming is the price a farmer gets for his products.



Mr. Charles Farris

Stan Windham - County Extension Agent

Where does the beef cattle industry stand in Wiregrass

Over the last several years we have seen tremendous changes in the overall attitude of agriculture in the Wiregrass area. We are very, very fortunate compared to other parts of the state in that we have an extremely diversified and productive agricultural base. Commodities such as cattle, poultry, and hogs, surprisingly enough in a strong row crop area, have held steady through good and bad times. In fact, in Coffee County, the beef cattle industry has grown slightly steadily over the last several years. We saw a slight decrease in the last two years in total cattle number based on a lower market value.

The bottom line for any farm is whether its beef cattle, cotton, whatever should be and always will be net profit. The farms that I work with that reap the most benefits are farms that maximize production in every enterprise. If you really put a pencil to cattle that are being managed, you generally will see an increased dollar value. Last year, highly managed cattle on the average netted around fifty dollars per head, figuring a \$250-\$300 cow carrying costs. This year the average net profit between heifers and steers was around \$200-\$205 per head based on Board sale figures.

That means hundred cow herds, with a \$300 per cow carrying cost should net around 20 to 21,000 dollars.

When you look at Alabama as a state, Alabama ranked 6th in the nation in the total number of operations and 18th in average herd size based on 1996 figures. What this says is that we have a large number of small cattle operations. In total beef cow inventory, Alabama ranked 14th.

When we look at Coffee county specifically, there are around 425 farms based on census data that have beef cattle. The average herd size was about 61.

Within Coffee county there were around 38 farms with nine or less cows.

There were 87 farms with 10 to 19 head of cattle. There were 135 farms with 20 to 49 head of cattle. 91 farms had 50 to 99 head, 52 farms 100 to 199 head, 21 farms had 200 to 499 head and only a few farms with more than 500 head.

In the Wiregrass area as a whole (10 counties), it is estimated that there are close to 300,000 head of beef cattle. That is an amazing statistic considering the total amount of agriculture that we have. I, for one, feel this is a very healthy ag environment to have the amount of row crops, the poultry, swine (we are still one of the largest hog areas in the state), and to also have the cattle as part of the overall picture.

It is good to know that all of our enterprises have interest and have people involved in them. We don't know what agriculture will hold for us in the next five to ten years here in the Wiregrass area. To me it is very important that we diversify and then maximize our profit in every enterprise. Have each enterprise at a manageable level where we can deal with them and insure a net profit. If you have three enterprises that are yielding a net profit, it is much easier to hold on to and maintain this net profit than if you are banking on only one thing.

If you are interested in improving your cattle operation or at looking at the cattle industry as a possible new enterprise for your farm, please feel free to give me a call at 894-5596 and I will be more than happy to help you out.

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ELBA PUBLIC MEETING

PROPOSED SEWER IMPROVEMENTS
The City of Elba will hold a public meeting on Monday, September 15, 1997 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall to review proposed sewer improvements.

The proposed improvements include:
(1) replacing about 22,500 LF of existing failed clay sewer lines and manholes with new 8" PVC lines, and
(2) adding about 28,000 LF of new sewer lines, 87 manholes, and 12 relay stations to serve 120 existing homes which are currently unserved. The replacement lines are proposed for the Brookdale Subdivision, Old Samson Road/Brunson Circle, and Cordelia Drive. The new lines are scattered throughout the City and include nine different areas. Elba has applied to the USDA Rural Development for a combination grant and loan of \$2.2 million. The purpose of the meeting is to obtain comments from the public on items such as economic and environmental impacts, service area, project alternatives, and any other issues.

Angela G. Hughes - County Agent

Lunch box food safety is very important

As children return to school, many will be taking their lunches from home. If you or your child will be making school lunches, follow these steps to help ensure the food stays safe to eat.

Sandwiches and other typical brown bag components must be kept at the correct temperatures to prevent possible illness-causing bacteria from growing. Sandwiches with items such as meats, cheese or mayonnaise can stay out of refrigeration about two hours and still be safe to eat. After that time, bacteria may have grown to dangerous levels and the food may not be safe to eat. Hot foods in a thermos must remain at or above 140 degrees Fahrenheit to remain safe.

To keep food at correct temperatures, follow these guidelines. First, put a frozen gel pack or a frozen juice box in the brown bag or lunch

box. This will help keep perishable foods safe until lunchtime. Make sandwiches ahead of time and refrigerate so they are cold and at the correct temperature when you put them in your child's lunch box.

If you are using a wide-mouthed vacuum bottle to send either hot or cold foods with your child, prepare the bottle before filling with food. To keep hot foods at the correct temperature, just before filling, fill the bottle with boiling water and let it stand a minute or two. Make sure whatever you add is hot also.

If you're packing cold foods in a vacuum bottle, fill the bottle with cold water or ice and let stand. Empty the bottle and then add your cold

foods. A vacuum bottle won't change the temperature of the foods you put in it. That's why it's important to prepare the bottle before filling and to add food that's at the correct temperature.

Limit perishable foods in lunches. Include foods that will last from early morning to lunchtime without refrigeration. Pack fresh fruits and vegetables, cookies, pretzels, crackers, or cans of fruit or shelf-stable packaged pudding.

You might consider packing shelf-stable entrees such as ravioli. There are many available that are easy to open and where the package acts as a serving bowl.

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